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UP POOP CREEK

A man paddles out to a boat in False Creek on Thursday. A Vancouver Coastal Health officer is concerned about proposed dumping rules that could let small boats release untreated sewage closer to shore. He fears the rule could result in more E. coli in the water and force more beach closures in Vancouver. Story, page 4. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Teacher killing video a joke: Boys

Castlegar. Charges won't be laid against pair, aged 11 and 13, because of their age, say RCMP

Two boys who made an online video titled "How to Kill Your Teacher" have told police in Castlegar that it was intended as a joke.

RCMP say they have let the 11- and 13-year-olds know that anyone who considers themselves a target of such a video may interpret it very differently.

Cpl. Debbie Postnikoff said Thursday that police have also spoken with the boys' parents and school officials to try to understand why they created the video, which shows them holding toy guns and referring to a "Ms. D."

Charges will not be pursued due to the boys' ages, Postnikoff said.

She said Mounties are working with school officials, the boys and their parents to hold the children accountable for their behaviour as they put together a plan to ensure it doesn't continue.

Greg Luterbach, superintendent of the Kootenay-Columbia School District, said officials are dealing with police and other agencies, which may include the Children's Ministry, to conduct a violence-risk assessment.

"You're trying to get as much data as you can to look at this to ascertain risk and then determine what kind of plan you're going to have moving forward," he said.

"Certainly, the video is disturbing, highly inappropriate."

He noted it's important for children to know the seriousness of sharing inappropriate content, even if they're tempted by how easy it is to post to various sites.

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Co-curator Larissa Grant and Musqueam Councillor Morgan Guerin at the ƛəsnaʔəm exhibit at the Museum of Vancouver on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

Exploring Vancouver through Musqueam First Nation's view

Museum. Exhibit created after gathering information and oral histories from elders and the Musqueam community

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The story of Vancouver is typically told with a gaping hole, leaving out the perspective of the First Nations that called this land home for thousands of years before Europeans arrived.

But a new exhibit put together by the Musqueam First Nation, the Museum of Vancouver and the Museum of Anthropology intends to address that gap by giving the Musqueam people control of their narrative.

Called ƛəsnaʔəm, the city before the city, the exhibit was created after two years of gathering information and oral histories from elders and the Musqueam community, co-curator Larissa Grant said on a tour of the exhibit on Thursday.

It opens with a welcome in the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ language, along with English and French, to show both the importance of the historical words and the Musqueam's willingness to share with newcomers, Grant said.

A nail hangs on the door beside the exhibit entrance in the Musqueam tradition that encourages visitors to hang their preconceived notions at the door and go in with an open heart and mind, Musqueam Councillor Morgan Guerin said.

Opening day

The three-site exhibit officially opens on Jan. 25.

"We want to share who we are," Guerin said.

Instead of calling the displays of historical tools "artifacts," they are referred to as "belongings" to encourage visitors to think of the people who used them, co-curator Viviane Gosselin said.

The displays are organized around activities such as fishing, wood working and family and are supplemented by historical maps and a timeline up to the present day.

Working on the exhibit was a powerful experience for all involved, said Guerin, whose family has lived here for at least 15 generations.

He even built a 30-foot sturgeon pole for the exhibit — he believes it's the first created in 100 years — after consulting with elders and getting the help of an archivist to dig through old stories.

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Boats' dumping plan unhealthy for beaches, says Coastal Health

Transport Canada. Local officials fear federal proposal to reduce boats no-dumping zone could raise E. coli levels in Vancouver beaches

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Vancouver Coastal Health is raising a stink about a proposal to let small boats dump their untreated sewage closer to shore over fears the looser regulations could force more frequent beach closures.

Transport Canada is quietly considering changing its regulations to decrease the no-dumping zone for small vessels that carry less than 15 people from three nautical miles away from shore to one nautical mile. At 1,852 metres, that's about the distance from Kits Beach to Sunset Beach.

Medical health officer Dr. Mark Lysyshyn wrote to Transport Canada to express concerns about more E. coli in local waters after a crappy 2014 where officials were forced to close five West Vancouver beaches for almost all of August due to high bacteria levels.

"We do know that the boats are part of the problem. They contribute to putting feces in the water, essentially, so we don't want anything to allow them to put more in," Lysyshyn said.

"We want people at the beaches swimming; It's great for physical activity, it's great for mental health," he said.

Last summer had unusually high E. coli levels in West Vancouver and in False Creek, but the health authority wasn't able to determine what caused the spike.

Officials investigated potential leaks from sewage treatment plants, asked Transport Canada to see if big ships were dumping and checked with municipalities to ensure sewage pipes weren't leaking. Weather and tides can also contribute to bacteria levels.

Lysyshan isn't sure if small vessels are a big part of the problem, but since it is difficult to monitor their dumping habits, he is opposed to looser rules in order to protect the beaches.

A sailboat sits in False Creek on Thursday. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

"The public is very upset when we close the beaches," he said. "People feel they deserve to have clean beaches, they pay taxes and they want them to be useable."

Vancouver Coastal Health hopes to work with Transport Canada to see if it can get the local beaches designated as a no-dumping zone under the Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulations.

Transport Canada is considering the changes to reflect international standards and respond to technical issues raised by stakeholders, according to a message to the Union of B.C. Municipalities. Local governments had until Jan. 9 to provide feedback.

Transport Canada did not respond to a request for comment by Metro's deadline.

Premier tells loggers low oil prices good for B.C.

B.C. Premier Christy Clark speaks in Victoria on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Go West, oil worker. British Columbia Premier Christy Clark is telling employees who find themselves out of a job because of dropping oil prices that her province needs skilled workers.

Clark told delegates at the annual Truck Loggers Association convention on Thursday that governments and businesses worldwide are concerned about dropping oil prices.

But she added that those declines won't sink B.C.'s targets for building liquefied natural gas plants, and weak oil markets could bring skilled workers back to her province.

B.C. needs workers for forestry, mining, construction and its proposed LNG plants, she said.

"Many workers from the oil sands who came from British Columbia will now be looking for work, so my call to them is come home," said Clark. "Come home, come home to your province where you were born and you want to raise your children."

Layoffs are expected in Alberta as energy companies start feeling the pressure of reduced oil revenues. Oil prices have fallen 50 per cent since last summer amid a glut of supply and 40 per cent just since the end of November.

The premier said the B.C. government is considering placing billboard advertisements at the airport in Fort McMurray, Alta., calling former B.C. residents to return home for jobs. "We are a poorer country when oil prices are low, but having said that, there is an opportunity in it," said Clark.

"Many workers from the oil sands who come from B.C. will now be looking for work. We need them in forestry. We need them in mining. We need them in construction and soon we will need them in LNG."

Despite falling oil prices, Clark said her government remains confident B.C. will have at least three LNG export plants in operation within five years.

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Nanaimo

Wanted man found in attic

It's been a week of hide and seek for British Columbia's most wanted.

A day after Vancouver police found a suspect hiding inside a sofa while executing a search warrant, Nanaimo RCMP say they were also forced to flush a fugitive out of hiding.

RCMP deployed a police dog to track down a suspect at the home of a 25-year-old university student. Police sent in dog Boomer, which led officers to the attic where the suspect was hiding.

A 37-year-old man was taken into custody. He faces many charges including obstruction, resisting arrest, and breaking and entering.

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Heritage

Historic Chinese sites wanted

The provincial government wants the public's help in identifying the most historic sites in British Columbia for the Chinese community.

Nominations for the initiative launched Thursday, as the government seeks to officially recognize 10 sites and place them on the B.C. Register of Historic Places and the Canadian Register of Historic Places.

The project is the first of eight legacy recommendations made in the Chinese Historical Wrongs Consultation final report issued in May 2014.

Historically significant sites can be nominated at www.heritagebc.ca until Feb. 20. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Fee increase

Campers will pay more to stay at provincial parks

Camping fees at provincial parks in B.C. are going up, and the government says the extra money will help maintain the sites.

Most campsites will cost $2 more a night but the charge will jump by $5 at others starting March 15.

Fees at Cultus Lake Provincial Park in the Fraser Valley will be $35 a night for up to four adults, for example.

The province says the cost to stay at a campground in B.C. is competitive with other jurisdictions and generally lower than at private facilities.

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Developers split on referendum outlook

Transit. Only 52% of 1,100 at forecast discussion believe the plebiscite will pass

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Considering the high demand for condos near transit stops, you'd think developers would be feverishly supportive of the upcoming transit referendum to fund new transit lines across Metro Vancouver.

But they weren't convinced about the plebiscite's likelihood of success on Thursday at the Urban Development Institute's sold-out discussion forecasting what will happen in 2015.

Quoted

"It's sort of scary in this room to see a 52 to 48 per cent vote."
Polygon Homes CEO Neil Chrystal

Only 52 per cent of the 1,100 development and business people at the luncheon believe the transit plebiscite will pass, according to an electronic poll during the discussion.

The referendum calls for a regional 0.5 per cent sales tax increase to fund the mayors' council's $7.5-billion plan for subways, buses and light rapid transit lines across the region.

A SkyTrain passes condo towers near Science World in Vancouver.
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Grow-op. Senior handed a conditional sentence

One of two seniors arrested at a marijuana grow-op north of Kamloops has been handed a six-month conditional sentence while another faces the prospect of jail time.

Myrna Dundas, 66, pleaded guilty to possession of less than three kilograms of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

Crown lawyer Anthony Varesi said Clearwater RCMP raided the grow-op in August 2013.

When Mounties entered an outbuilding, they found Dundas with scissors in her hand, trimming buds from freshly cut pot plants, Varesi said.

There were 150 plants in the building, part of what he called a relatively small operation.

Donald Clarkson, 76, was the tenant of the property in Little Fort, about 90 kilometres north of Kamloops.

Clarkson has pleaded guilty to unlawful production of marijuana and possession for the purpose of trafficking. He will be sentenced at a later date.

The minimum sentence is six months in jail.

Varesi and defence lawyer Bill Sundhu made a joint submission for a six-month conditional sentence for Dundas, including an evening curfew.

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A hard-working person

"She's been a hard-working and independent person," Sundhu said, adding Dundas was visiting Clarkson and unwisely agreed to help him harvest the crop.

Robberies. Police seek owners of seized jewelry

Vancouver police are trying to find the owners of some jewelry they believe was stolen in so-called "distraction robberies."

On Thursday, police released photos of three unique pieces of jewelry seized from people suspected of carrying out distraction robberies.

Investigators hope the owners of the jewelry will come forward and claim the items, and provide statements that could help police solve the crimes and recommend charges against the suspects.

The jewelry includes two gold chains — one with a single jade pendant and another with three distinctive jade pendants — as well as a pair of gold cufflinks.

Investigators believe the items were stolen between Nov. 21 and Dec. 1 last year.

Distraction robberies begin with people approaching victims on the street and attempting to place fake jewelry around their head, neck or wrist. Using sleight-of-hand techniques, the suspects then remove the victim's valuable jewelry and leave the fake items in its place.

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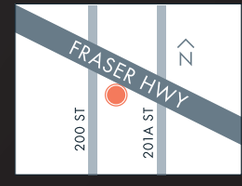

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Weather. 'Rain event' may wreak havoc for skiers

It could be all downhill for North Vancouver ski resorts this weekend, as the weather phenomenon dubbed "Pineapple Express" is forecasted to bring balmy temperatures and heavy rain Friday.

Environment Canada issued a heavy-rainfall warning for B.C.'s South Coast on Thursday, forecasting that a southwesterly flow of tropical moisture is expected to arrive in the region by Friday morning.

That's bad news for local ski hills, which have already faced a late start to the season due to warm, wet weather that has wiped out much of the limited snow on the slopes.

Environment Canada meteorologist Lisa Coldwells said most of the rain is expected to fall on the North Shore Mountains.

"Unfortunately, the freezing level is going to be above mountaintop, so it's just going to rain all the way up to the top," she told Metro. "It's going to be wet and slushy up there."

The North Shore region will see about 50 to 70 millimetres of rain by Saturday morning, while other areas of the region will receive less, said Coldwells.

Tsawwassen, for example, is expected to receive about 25 millimetres in the same time period, she said.

"I would call this a moderate rain event," she said. "We're just going to have to get out our umbrellas."

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Crime. Staying locked and lit thwarts burglars

It may seem obvious, but locks and lights are all it takes to deter most burglars. That's the latest finding from a Simon Fraser University criminologist who, with colleagues in the U.K., analyzed two decades of British Crime Survey data to determine the best security measures to protect against burglary.

"It's not rocket science," SFU professor Graham Farrell told Metro. "We found that the most effective things are window locks, door locks, external and internal security lighting."

Researchers found that a combination of external lights triggered by a motion sensor, internal lights activated by a timer switch and locks on doors and windows were most effective at thwarting thieves.

The key, said Farrell, is to use all four measures together.

Surprisingly, the researchers found, security alarms made no difference. "That was a counterintuitive finding, and we think it's probably because around 99 per cent of alarms that go off are false alarms," said Farrell. "So nobody takes them very seriously and they don't deter burglars really."

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Film fest to honour legacy of Tim Jones

International Mountain Film Festival. Risk and Rescue, a doc about North Shore Rescue, premieres on Feb. 13

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A screengrab from Melanie Wood's Risk and Rescue, a documentary about North Shore Search and Rescue that premiers at the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival on Feb. 13. COURTESY VIMFF

The late Tim Jones and the men and women of North Shore Rescue will be honoured when the Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival starts next month.

Festival organizer Alan Formanek said the festival's opening night, Feb. 13, will be a celebration of Jones' life and North Shore Rescue's (NSR) work.

Not only will the festival dedicate its annual community award, in memoriam, to Jones and establish a Tim Jones Legacy Fund, it will also premiere Melanie Wood's new film Risk and Rescue, a documentary on NSR, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Jones, the organization's longtime search leader, died Jan. 19, 2014 after collapsing suddenly on Mount Seymour.

"Tim Jones, sadly, came as a natural candidate to honour this year," said Formanek. "He embodies someone who has been active in our community, saving so many lives."

Formanek said the work of search-and-rescue personnel looms large in the mountaineering community, especially those that work in densely populated cities like Vancouver.

"Their role is critical in the urban areas because so many people can go outdoors," he said. "We're lucky to have such capable, big-hearted volunteers standing by risking their lives to save others."

Members of NSR will also be at the opening gala to discuss their work and Jones' legacy.

The 18th annual Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival runs Feb. 13 to 21 at various venues throughout the Lower Mainland.

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Local neighbourhood shocked by 17 maples illegally chopped

Damage. The trees that had lined both sides of the street in the west end were found destroyed by residents in the early hours of Jan. 7

The stump of a maple tree along 29th Avenue, near Cambie Street in Vancouver on Thursday. In total, 17 maples were cut down in the middle of the night on Jan. 7. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Vancouver's park board will seek the maximum penalty if police manage to root out whoever is responsible for chopping down 17 maple trees after dark in a residential neighbourhood, an official says.

"This would be brand new territory for us in terms of something of this magnitude," said Howard Normann, acting manager of the board's urban forestry division.

"I can assure you that the park board and the city would push hard for the maximum penalty, whatever that would be," he said Thursday.

The seven-year-old trees that lined both sides of the street in the city's west side were discovered felled by residents in the early hours of Jan. 7. Each 4.5-metre maple had been sliced at about waist height, its branches toppling onto the lawn.

Normann said a rechargeable, cordless saw with a fine blade may have been used.

"They put it at a bit of an angle and they just went boom, boom," he said. "Then they crossed the street and every one of those trees was fallen in a westbound direction."

The board started its investigation after residents awoke to branches splayed along their street.

One woman reported that she arrived home from work at 12:30 a.m. with the trees intact, but her husband made the discovery as he left for work at 6:30 a.m. that day.

The board reviewed its records to determine if anyone might have been disgruntled by the trees obstructing their view but turned up nothing.

The case was turned over to police, who are looking into video from security cameras mounted on some homes in the area.

The trees were planted in November 2010 at a cost of $10,000. The board will spend that much more as it plans to begin replanting on Monday.

Normann said a fine is one potential consequence for the bylaw violation, but noted the Crown would have to make that determination if a suspect is tracked down.

"It's a violation of more than just a written bylaw," he said. "These people care. The trees on their streets are a place for their kids to climb, they offer shade, they filter pollution.

"Trees are an important part of every neighbourhood of this city. I started talking to people and they sure were upset." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Peter Allard and University of British Columbia president Arvind Gupta unveil the Peter A. Allard School of Law Thursday at a ceremony in Vancouver. The university said the $30-million gift will go to support faculty retention and recruitment, as well as provide more learning programs for students. CONTRIBUTED

Law school renamed after $30M donation

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"My hope is that the law school will become a beacon of justice, and the promotion of human rights and the rule of law around the world."

Lawyer and businessman Peter A. Allard's whopping $30 million donation to University of British Columbia's law school is only the latest in a long history of philanthropic giving.

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The University of British Columbia's law school has been renamed after receiving the largest gift of its kind in Canada.

UBC unveiled the Peter A. Allard School of Law at a ceremony in Vancouver on Thursday, in honour of the lawyer, businessman and philanthropist's whopping $30-million donation.

Allard's donation is the largest gift made to a school of law in Canadian history.

"As a proud UBC alumnus, I am pleased to make an investment today that will enable students to pursue a profession that strives to create a more just society," Allard said in a statement.

"My gift supports pillars of excellence in human rights, and international integrity and ethics, and my hope is that the law school will become a beacon of justice, and the promotion of human rights and the rule of law around the world."

After graduating from UBC in 1971, Allard practiced law for 20 years and held leadership roles in human right, environmental advocacy and other philanthropic work, according to the university's announcement.

He founded the Highbury Foundation in 1993, which supports medical research at universities and colleges in Western Canada.

Allard already had a long history of giving back to UBC.

In 2011, he donated $11.86 million to UBC for the construction of a faculty hall, to establish the Allard Prize for International Integrity and to fund the law school's online archive.

The university said Allard's latest donation will help support faculty recruitment and retention, experimental learning programs, and clinical opportunities for students to learn practical skills.

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Manitoba reserve

RCMP charge parents, stepsister with killing toddler

A mother and father from a Manitoba reserve have been charged with killing their young daughter.

RCMP say Vanessa Bushie, who is 36, has been charged with second-degree murder and failing to provide the necessities of life in the death last July of 21-month-old Kierra Williams. The toddler's father, Daniel Williams, has been charged with manslaughter and failing to provide the necessities of life. The toddler's stepsister, Jasmine Bushie, who is 20, also faces charges of manslaughter and failing to provide the necessities of life.

RCMP say the young girl from Peguis First Nation, died from trauma-related injuries.

All three adults are in custody. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Iraq comments

Role of special forces 'evolved'

Canada's top military commander is trying to clear up an apparent contradiction about special forces soldiers directing air strikes in Iraq.

Gen. Tom Lawson, the chief of defence staff, said in October they would not accompany Iraqi or Kurdish forces into battle, nor would they pinpoint targets for coalition warplanes. Opposition critics pointed to those remarks and others from Prime Minister Stephen Harper last September as proof the government misled people, but Lawson says things have changed since then. "To be clear, the situation on the ground has evolved ... and we have increased our assistance with respect to targeting air strikes in direct correlation with an increased threat encountered by the (Iraqis)," Lawson said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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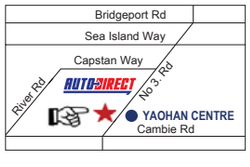

Eric Dejaeger leaves an Iqaluit, Nunavut courtroom Jan. 20, 2011. A sentencing hearing for the defrocked priest convicted of dozens of horrific sex crimes against Inuit children has begun. CHRIS WINDEYER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-priest says sorry for sex abuse of kids

Igloolik. The Crown has asked for a 25-year sentence — or 17 years for time already served

Edmonton

Dejaeger is expected in court on Friday on another four sex-related counts.

A courtroom swelled with weeping, cries and 35 years of bottled-up grief Thursday as a defrocked priest who abused dozens of Inuit children told a judge about to sentence him that he's sorry for his crimes and won't commit any more.

"I can only take responsibility for what I have done," said Eric Dejaeger, 67, convicted on 32 counts of child sex abuse from his days as an Oblate missionary in Igloolik, Nunavut, between 1978 and 1982.

Speaking quietly, in a voice heavily accented by his native Flemish, Dejaeger faced Justice Robert Kilpatrick in an Iqaluit courtroom and spoke for less than a minute.

"I would like to ask for forgiveness," he said. "I promise not to reoffend — and that's not just words."

That cued a crescendo of sorrow and tears from about 30 victims and supporters who had gathered to see their one-time tormentor for what they hoped was the last time. After court adjourned, one victim and his wife embraced in the middle of the room, motionless, she holding him up as everyone filed out around them.

It was the end of a story that began for some victims when they were as young as four and which played out across three decades and two continents. It raised questions about the role of the Catholic church and Canadian officials in delaying justice for those suffering mental scars from horrific attacks.

The victims include 12 boys and 10 girls, most between the ages of eight and 12. Dejaeger also abused a dog in front of two children.

Many testified that Dejaeger threated them with hellfire or separation from their families if they told. Sometimes he dangled food in front of hungry children as a lure.

Dejaeger has already served one five-year sentence on 11 counts of assaulting children in Baker Lake, Nunavut, where he was posted after Igloolik.

It was in 1995, after he served that sentence, that he learned RCMP were about to charge him for activities in Igloolik. He fled to Belgium, testifying that Canadian justice officials suggested it would be easiest if he simply left Canada. Eventually, journalists revealed that Dejaeger was living illegally in Belgium. He was returned in 2011. APTN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Winnipeg named Canada's most racist, mayor pledges 'to turn this ship around'

Civic matters. The city's people have a duty to change how they relate with one another: Mayor

The mayor of Manitoba's capital tearfully promised Thursday to fight racism and intolerance after his city was branded Canada's most racist by a national magazine.

Brian Bowman stood surrounded by dozens of aboriginal and community leaders and admitted Winnipeg has a problem with racism. The city's first Metis mayor broke down as he talked about passing on his heritage to his young children.

"My wife is Ukrainian heritage. My family is Metis," he said as he choked back tears. "I want my boys to be as proud of both of those family lines."

Macleans magazine published a cover story that gave Winnipeg the dubious distinction. It cited the huge gap between aboriginals and non-aboriginals, as well as the recent high-profile death of 15-year-old Tina Fontaine, whose body was found in August wrapped in plastic in the Red River.

It also comes shortly after an inquest report into the death of Brian Sinclair, an aboriginal double-amputee who died during a 34-hour wait for care in a city hospital's emergency room in 2008. Some staff testified that they assumed he was drunk or homeless.

The reaction to the article from city hall was swift. The police chief, the provincial treaty commissioner, chiefs and community leaders assembled — not to refute the article — but to promise to do something about the issue it highlighted.

"We do have racism in Winnipeg ... You can't run away from facts," Bowman said following a closed-door traditional smudging ceremony. "Ignorance, hatred, intolerance, racism exists everywhere.

Mayor Brian Bowman speaks about Winnipeg being labelled Canada's most racist city while Grand Chief Derek Nepinak looks on at city hall on Thursday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

"Winnipeg has a responsibility right now to turn this ship around and change the way we all relate."

Bowman said that means having an open dialogue with aboriginal leaders before taking concrete action.

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs said keeping the lines of communication open is key. But he warned that combating racism is a huge challenge.

"I guarantee you that, right now, somebody is having a racist experience in a restaurant or on the streets in Winnipeg somewhere. I'm not here to pacify that or to say that it's OK," Nepinak said.

"There are people who are wilfully blind, wilfully ignorant to the reality of indigenous people in this society. But we will challenge them."

Winnipeg police Chief Devon Clunis, who is black, said he doesn't believe Winnipeg is the only city grappling with racism. Racism exists across Canada and is part of the "human condition," he suggested.

"We need to have a difficult conversation in our city respective of race," Clunis said. "I think you are seeing who is starting that conversation today." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Medical concern delays Saudi blogger's flogging

Authorities in Saudi Arabia have postponed the flogging of blogger Raif Badawi for medical reasons, a spokeswoman for the family said Thursday.

Elham Manea told The Canadian Press that local doctors in Jiddah determined Badawi could not withstand the 50 lashes scheduled for Friday.

She added that Badawi's punishment won't likely go ahead for several weeks.

"We are very cautious," Manea said in an interview from Switzerland. "We are very glad to hear this, but at the same time, we are very cautious. We are very worried that, nevertheless, things will change in Saudi Arabia."

Badawi was sentenced to 1,000 lashes and 10 years in prison for writing on a liberal blog he founded. He was also fined more than $300,000.

The 32-year-old father of three received the first 50 lashes on Jan. 9, but his second set of lashes was postponed last week for medical reasons.

The lashes were scheduled to be doled out over 20 weeks.

"Instead of continuing to torment Raif Badawi by dragging out his ordeal with repeated assessments the authorities should publicly announce an end to his flogging and release him immediately and unconditionally," Amnesty International's Said Boumedouha said in a statement.

Ensaf Haidar, wife of Saudi blogger Raif Badawi, takes part in a rally for his freedom in Montreal on Jan. 13, 2015. Badawi was sentenced to 1,000 lashes and 10 years in prison for writing on a liberal blog he founded. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Badawi is not a Canadian citizen but his wife and three children fled Saudi Arabia in 2012 and settled in Sherbrooke, Que., in 2013.

Protest vigils have been held across Quebec, and in dozens of countries around the world, in solidarity with Badawi.

NDP leader Tom Mulcair sent a letter to Prime Minister Stephen Harper last week, asking him to speak out in support of the jailed blogger.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said "Canada is deeply concerned" by Badawi's punishment, which he described as "a violation of human dignity and freedom of expression."

"While Mr. Badawi is not a Canadian citizen, we will continue to make our position known, both publicly and through diplomatic channels," Baird said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Refugee claims

Federal project won't be renewed

A government pilot project that essentially paid failed refugee claimants to leave Canada won't be renewed after a scathing internal review. The program was supposed to save time and money when it came to getting failed refugee claimants out of the country — but appears to have done neither. The controversial pilot project gave failed claimants between $500 and $2,000 in exchange for their voluntary departure from Canada, and also covered the cost of their plane ticket. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Regina, Sask.

Girl, 3, left on bus, has nightmares

A Regina mother says her three-year-old daughter, who was left alone for four hours strapped into a daycare minibus, is now suffering from nightmares.

Destiny Stonechild says her child, Sequiona, wakes up screaming every night since the incident occurred on the service bus.

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Health. Canadians caring for ill elders more stressed

Canadians caring for chronically ill older relatives are stressed out at a time when an aging population means more people will require such care, says a new report by the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

The report, released Thursday, also found that suicide rates are higher here than in some other developed nations.

Among those 15 and over who provide care to a family member with a long-term health condition, the report found almost 17 per cent reported higher levels of stress.

The problem is expected to worsen due to increasing rates of dementia and other chronic illnesses, which is why caregiving is among four of 13 mental-health indicators deemed areas of "significant concern" by the commission.

So too are suicide rates, intentional self-harm among college students and mental health recovery.

Nearly 20 per cent of university students said they had engaged in self-harm, the study found.

"There are known strategies that work to prevent suicide; other countries are doing it, like the United Kingdom," Jennifer Vornbrock, a commission official, told a news conference.

Canada should follow suit and invest in suicide prevention, she said.

David Goldbloom, chair of the commission, said some of the indicators "raise significant concerns or indicate that we are moving in the wrong direction. ... We can take little comfort from many of them."

Vornbrock said she hopes the report will underline the need to take mental health more seriously.

She called mental health "the poor cousin of the poor cousin of the health care system."

The federal government created the Mental Health Commission of Canada in 2007. The organization, funded by Health Canada, operates at arm's length and has a 10-year mandate.

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2011 stats

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The commission found that 3,728 Canadians— about 11 out of every 100,000 — killed themselves. The suicide rate, while stable over time, is higher than in some other G8 countries.

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Law. Aussie support grows for medicinal pot over tot's cancer

The case of an Australian father who is facing prison for allegedly giving his cancer-stricken two-year-old daughter cannabis to relieve her pain has triggered a groundswell of momentum for a campaign to legalize marijuana for medical purposes in the country.

The 30-year-old father, who cannot be named under Australian law, was arrested outside his daughter's hospital in Brisbane on Jan. 2 for allegedly putting cannabis oil in her food. He was charged with supplying a dangerous drug to a minor and faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

An online petition calling on the Queensland state Premier Campbell Newman to intervene on the father's behalf had more than 155,000 supporters on Thursday.

At the father's first court appearance, a magistrate released him on bail but barred him from any contact with his daughter, who was recently diagnosed with advanced neuroblastoma, a type of cancer that is almost exclusive to babies and children.

The court relaxed the father's bail conditions last week, allowing him to visit his daughter in the hospital under medical supervision. He is to return to court on Feb. 23. He has yet to enter a plea.

A small crowd of medical cannabis advocates held a rally outside last week's court session. A small group of mothers of terminally ill children held a similar demonstration this week outside the state health department.

Premier Newman, a conservative, has said he is sympathetic to the idea of medicinal marijuana, but any decision should be based on information from federal health authorities. Medical authorities have questioned the medicinal benefits.

The conservative government of Australia's most populous state, New South Wales, announced last month that medicinal cannabis will be trialed in treating children with severe epilepsy, terminally ill adults and patients who suffer nausea and vomiting as a result of chemotherapy.

The charged father did not immediately reply to an emailed request for comment Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Infectious disease

Measles hitting U.S. theme parks

A measles outbreak traced to Disney theme parks in California led to warnings against visiting the happiest place on Earth if tourists or their children have not been vaccinated against the highly contagious respiratory disease that has sickened 70 people.

New infections linked to the theme parks emerged Wednesday in the outbreak that has spread to five U.S. states and Mexico, though the vast majority — 62 — occurred in California.

People who have not received the measles-mumps-rubella, or MMR, vaccine are susceptible to contracting the highly contagious illness and should avoid Disney "for the time being," state epidemiologist Gil Chavez said.

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ISIL

Japan seeks hostage release

Japan scrambled Thursday for ways to secure the release of two hostages held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group.

The militants threatened in a video message to kill the hostages within 72 hours unless they receive $200 million US. Based on the video's release time, that deadline would expire some time Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charlie Hebdo no hero to Afghan protesters

Afghans outside the French embassy in Kabul hold posters that read "I love Muhammad" during a protest Thursday against caricatures published in French magazine Charlie Hebdo. Around 100 people have demonstrated in the Afghan capital against Charlie Hebdo, accusing them of blasphemy. RAHMAT GUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World's oldest monarch dies

Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah, the powerful U.S. ally who joined Washington's fight against al-Qaida and sought to modernize the ultraconservative Muslim kingdom with incremental but significant reforms, including nudging open greater opportunities for women, has died, according to Saudi state TV. At 90 years of age, he was the world's oldest monarch.

More than his guarded and hidebound predecessors, Abdullah assertively threw his oil-rich nation's weight behind trying to shape the Middle East. His priority was to counter the influence of rival, mainly Shiite Iran wherever it tried to make advances. He and fellow Sunni Arab monarchs also staunchly opposed the Middle East's wave of pro-democracy uprisings, seeing them as a threat to stability and their own rule.

He backed Sunni Muslim factions against Tehran's allies in several countries, but in Lebanon for example, the policy failed to stop Iranian-backed Hezbollah from gaining the upper hand. And Tehran and Riyadh's colliding ambitions stoked proxy conflicts around the region that enflamed Sunni-Shiite hatred — most horrifically in Syria's civil war, where the two countries backed opposing sides. Those conflicts in turn hiked Sunni militancy that returned to threaten Saudi Arabia.

And while the king maintained the historically close alliance with Washington, there were frictions as he sought to put those relations on Saudi Arabia's terms. He was constantly frustrated by Washington's failure to broker a settlement to the Israel-Palestinian conflict. He also pushed the Obama administration to take a tougher stand against Iran and to more strongly back the mainly Sunni rebels fighting to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad.

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N.J. fire displaces over 500 residents

Apartment complex. Despite significant destruction, only four people sustained injuries from the blaze

Firefighters hose down the apartment complex on Wednesday in Edgewater, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officials are trying to determine what caused a fire that destroyed a four-storey New Jersey apartment building, displacing hundreds of people.

The fire continued to smoulder Thursday.

Edgewater Fire Chief Tom Jacobson said the fire appears to have started on the first floor of The Avalon at Edgewater.

He said flames quickly spread through the floors and walls of the wood structure along the Hudson River across from Manhattan.

Firefighters had to rescue residents when they arrived Wednesday. No one is missing.

But the flames devoured 240 apartment units.

Edgewater Mayor Michael McPartland said approximately 500 residents were permanently displaced and approximately 520 were temporarily displaced from surrounding buildings.

Two civilians and two firefighters sustained minor injuries.

The fire chief said sprinklers were working and that the building complied with construction codes.

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Damage

240

Number of units consumed by the fire as of Thursday evening.

India. Activist on hunger strike ordered released

A court on Thursday ordered the release of a frail Indian activist who has been on a hunger strike for nearly 15 years, to protest alleged military brutality in India's remote northeast.

The court dropped the charge of attempted suicide against Irom Sharmila, weeks after the Indian government decriminalized suicide attempts, which earlier were punishable by up to a year in prison, said Monika, a rights activist who attended the court proceedings. She uses one name.

Sharmila is likely to be freed later Thursday from a hospital in Imphal, the Manipur state capital, where she has been kept in custody and fed forcibly by a tube since 2000.

However, 42-year-old Sharmila told reporters that she would continue her fast until the government scrapped an act which gives security forces wide powers in quelling insurgencies.

Sharmila had her last voluntary meal on Nov. 4, 2000, in Imphal. She was arrested within days and has been force-fed through a tube in her nose ever since. Under the previous law, she was to be released once a year to see if she will start eating. When she didn't, she was taken back into custody and force fed.

She has been protesting against the Armed Forces Special Powers Act, which is in effect in Indian-ruled Kashmir and in northeastern areas like Manipur that are wracked by separatist insurgencies. The law gives troops the right of shoot-to-kill suspected rebels without fear of possible prosecution and to arrest suspected militants without a warrant. It also gives police wide-ranging powers of search and seizure.

The law prohibits soldiers from being prosecuted for alleged rights violations unless permission is granted by the federal government. Such prosecutions are rare.

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South Africa

Record rhinos poached in 2014

A record 1,215 rhinos were poached in South Africa in 2014, the latest grim statistic in an increasingly desperate struggle to stem a surge in the killing of rhinos for their horns, officials said Thursday.

Edna Molewa, South Africa's environment minister, said the toll represented a 21 per cent increase over the previous year. South Africa is home to most of the world's rhinos.

International criminal syndicates are said to be involved in poaching rhinos, whose horn is worth a fortune on the illegal market in parts of Asia. Some Vietnamese and Chinese view the horn as a status symbol and a healing agent.

A wildlife trade monitoring network said corruption, institutional strife and delays in key prosecutions have undercut the campaign to protect rhinos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AirAsia

Six bodies found near crashed jet

Indonesian divers retrieved six more bodies on Thursday from waters around the sunken fuselage of the AirAsia jetliner that crashed last month.

Divers struggled with strong currents and poor visibility in an attempt to lift the fuselage and what appears to be the plane's cockpit from the seabed at a depth of 30 metres.

So far, 59 bodies have been recovered from AirAsia Flight 8501, which plunged into the Java Sea with 162 people on board while en route from Surabaya, Indonesia to Singapore. Officials believe the rest remain in the main fuselage.

National Transportation Safety Committee head Tatang Kurniadi ruled out sabotage on Wednesday, as investigators analyzed data from the aircraft's cockpit voice and flight data recorders with advisers from Airbus.

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Carlsberg developing wood fibre beer bottle

If you're a Carlsberg beer drinker, you might soon have to get used to toasting without that familiar "clink."

The alcohol giant announced Thursday that it is in the process of developing a biodegradable bottle made of wood fibres, meaning there won't be any sound when you touch bottles before throwing back a cold one.

Though the Green Fiber Bottle won't replace Carlsberg's aluminum or glass varieties, it could face criticism from diehard beer lovers who have become accustomed to the sound. It's a problem Carlsberg faced when it introduced a polyethylene terephthalate bottle in Sweden, said the company's spokesman, Simon Hoffmeyer Boas. Kenneth Wong, a marketing professor at Queen's University, noted that the bottle announcement came as companies are pouring their efforts into generating buzz and cultivating buyers to offset declines in beer sales.

Steve Beauchesne, CEO and co-founder of Beau's All Natural Brewing Co., a craft brewery in Vankleek Hill, Ont., said Carlsberg isn't the first to use innovative packaging materials that stretch beyond glass and aluminum. Beau's sells beer in ceramic bottles with a swing top and packages them in a wooden crate.

The Green Fiber Bottle Project
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Carlsberg

Carlsberg is using an infographic to promote its Green Fiber Bottle. CONTRIBUTED

Beauchesne says companies are getting creative because "beer is not just about the liquid," but also the experience.

As for Carlsberg's effort, that'll be a three-year process. So far, only prototypes have been developed.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Travellers, like these at McCarran airport in Las Vegas, have to hunt to find a charging station as their power-hungry mobile devices put a strain on the common lithium-ion batteries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Mobile users wait for better battery

Smartphones. Companies offering workarounds for red-zone anxiety

At a watering hole in Brooklyn, bartender Kathy Conway counted four phone chargers behind the bar. Smartphone users, facing the scourge of the red zone, are tired of begging to charge devices behind bars or hunting for hidden electrical outlets in airports and train stations and are looking for a better battery.

While a better battery is a long way off, there are some options to ward off battery anxiety.

Companies displayed battery chargers and smartphone extenders at the annual gadget show known as CES. One that seems particularly convenient is the 911 Boost that is designed to be carried on a key chain. The $30 US device can provide only about a 60 per cent charge for most phones, though a battery with more capacity would be too heavy for a keychain.

Chinese company ZeroLemon has a line of rugged smartphone cases for Apple, Samsung and LG phones that come with built-in battery extenders. A $69 US version for the iPhone 6, called the Rugged Juicer, will let you go up to three times as long before you need a recharge. ZeroLemon also makes pocket-sized solar chargers that will restore a battery to full capacity in about three hours.

Qualcomm has extended battery life through more efficient software and hardware: When one part of the chipset is in use, the rest gets turned off to save energy.

Google, whose Android operating system runs on most of the world's smartphones, last year launched Project Volta, a tool aimed at extending mobile battery life.

A function called JobScheduler helps ensure that apps wait to perform non-critical tasks such as updates when your phone is not connected to a power source.

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Power hogs

The capacity of the common lithium-ion battery that powers laptops, cellphones and tablet computers has tripled since 1990. But that's not nearly enough to keep up with the demand gadget addicts have for constant use of skinny, light mobile devices that limit battery size.

- Two billion mobile phones were shipped worldwide in 2014, 75 per cent of which were smartphones. Demand is growing by 10 to 12 per cent each year.

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Media

Jury fails to agree on verdict in trial of U.K. journalists

A British jury has failed to reach a verdict at the trial of four journalists from the tabloid Sun accused of bribing police and public officials for scoops.

Jurors announced Thursday after 49 hours of deliberations that they could not agree on verdicts against head of news Chris Pharo, ex-deputy news editor Ben O'Driscoll, reporter Jamie Pyatt and former managing editor Graham Dudman. Prosecutors said they would seek a retrial.

Many senior journalists from Rupert Murdoch-owned newspapers have been arrested as part of a sprawling probe into alleged tabloid wrongdoing. Several have been acquitted, including former Sun editor Rebekah Brooks.

The defendants denied all charges and claimed they were "fed to the wolves" by parent company News International.

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VOICES

FREE-RANGE SURE BEATS HELICOPTER

THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

A Winnipeg court will soon decide whether a mother is guilty of child abandonment after leaving her six-year-old son at home alone for 90 minutes while she did some errands. A guilty verdict would set a precedent and could mean leaving children alone would go from a common-sense no-no to absolutely illegal.

To me, six does seem a young age to be man-of-the-house for an hour and a half — when I was six, I wouldn't have left me in charge of Silly Putty, let alone a household — but then again, I've met precocious six-year-olds who seemed smarter than some of my ex-boyfriends.

And just over 100 years ago, children as young as four were working in factories to help with the family income. True, laws were created to stop that because it was dangerous and cruel, but if a four-year-old can sweep a chimney, maybe we don't give kids enough credit today.

You may have heard of a similar case in the news recently regarding Maryland, Va., parents Danielle and Alexander Meitiv, who let their 10- and six-year-old children walk a mile home alone from a park. A concerned citizen saw the unsupervised children and called police. The Meitivs are now under investigation for being negligent parents.

In interviews, the Meitivs come across as the opposite of negligent. They seem thoughtful and dedicated to giving their children the best possible childhood — the kind of childhood they had.

They're advocates of what's called "free-range parenting" and, though it sounds like they're raising chickens, the movement is actually about raising your kids to be self-reliant and independent by letting them do things — like walk home from the park — by themselves.

Free-range parenting makes a lot of sense to me, as I wonder if news stories and crime shows about abductions have people paralyzed with what might be an irrational fear.

As Danielle Meitiv put it during an interview on the Today Show, these days maybe we're "overestimating the danger and underestimating our children."

If you're any older than 30, I'll bet you got away with a lot more than kids do today.

Overstating the risk

Free-range parenting makes a lot of sense to me, as I wonder if news stories and crime shows about abductions have people paralyzed with what might be an irrational fear.

I was biking around my neighbourhood at 10 — no helmet, as helmets were for nerds only — I walked to the corner store for Popsicles, played with friends at the park.

Looking back, I don't see my parents as negligent. I thank them for giving me the space to learn for myself that roller-skating down a hill is not a great idea.

It's not clear whether the Winnipeg mother identifies as a "free-ranger" or was just trying to make do in a busy life, as not a lot of information has been released about her.

What has been reported is that her son is now living with his father and she hasn't seen him in 18 months, which seems extreme.

Maybe there's more to the story: maybe she's known to be irresponsible with her son, maybe she considers Play-Doh a food group and maybe the way the courts are treating her is based on more than just this one incident. Or maybe they're being helicopter courts?

Danielle Meitiv also pointed out that letting her kids walk home from the park is not only good for their health in terms of exercise, but the No. 1 cause of childhood death is car accidents. In her mind, having them walk home alone is actually safer than driving them.

This might sound like hippy-dippy bologna to you, but statistically speaking, she's right — I checked.

So if it's the safety of the children we're all concerned about, and we look at the statistics, maybe every parent that drives their kids places should be investigated for negligence?

Or maybe today we're not giving the children or the parents enough credit.

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.)
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Happy face/Sad face

From intellectual garden gnomes to dancing wee-wees and hoohas, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

CRAZED HOCKEY PARENTS

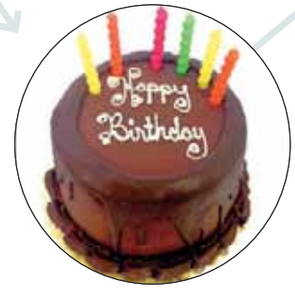
Parents on Vancouver Island have gotten a one-game suspension and a stern warning from the local hockey association. Parents were told in a letter that if they don't stop their "vindictiveness" toward youth refs, they'll be banned from watching any games. The verbal abuse has apparently gotten so bad that some of refs have taken to hiding in the change rooms. Look: when teenagers are locking themselves up to get away from you (and these teenagers are not your own kids), you have a problem.

GNOME CHOMSKY

Thanks to Just Say Gnome sculptor Steve Herrington and the Internet, you can now have your very own Noam Chomsky garden gnome to proudly display on your lawn. The miniature statues have been around for more than a decade, but due to the mysterious magic of the Internet, they've suddenly become popular enough to be on the radar of this national newspaper and we can tell you about them.

BIRTHDAY PARTY DRAMA MOMMA

This week in passive-aggressive parenting: a woman in England sent five-year-old Alex home with a £15 invoice after he failed to show up to her son's birthday party. When Alex's father refused to pay the bill, Jennifer Lawrence allegedly threatened to take him to small-claims court. This woman seems like she should take a lesson or two from her more famous namesake on the art of being chill. Grab a slice of leftover cake and try to relax.



DANCING GENITALS GO VIRAL

The Swedes do it again, crafting yet another near-perfect pop tune. Instant classic Snoppen Och Snippan is aimed at kids and performed by cartoon genitals, who sing about how great private parts are. While a few parents complained they didn't think the song was age-appropriate, others thought the song reinforces stereotypes about boys and girls. We say it's hard to think about gender politics while listening to a tune this catchy. Snippe-dippe snippetty snop!

CONFESSIONS OF A LAZY MAILMAN

Sometimes "going postal" just means feeling sluggish enough that you end up not doing your job very well. A former U.S. Postal Service worker pleaded guilty this week for failing to deliver close to 1,000 pieces of mail. Twenty-seven-year-old Alex Douma explained to investigators that he "just got lazy." Not cool, Douma, but we value your honesty!

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Depp's rebel days are long gone

Mortdecai. New role as a bumbling British art dealer is the latest in a string of box-office-friendly characters that are damaging his rep as an edgy actor

Johnny Depp plays a shady, moustachioed art dealer in Mortdecai. CONTRIBUTED

There are dozens of biographies on Johnny Depp and a surprising amount of them use the word "rebel" in the title. There's the Passionate Rebel, the Modern Rebel and even Hollywood's Best-Loved Rebel.

There can be no argument that Depp is a fearless actor, unafraid to tackle tough, challenging roles, but it's hard to accept the rebel title these days. For 20 years, he wildly threw darts at the wall, making exciting movies with interesting directors.

With Tim Burton, he created the off-kilter Eds — Wood and Scissorhands. With John Waters, he produced Wade Walker, the greaser love interest in Crybaby. And, with Lasse Hallström, he came up with Gilbert Grape, caregiver to his brother and morbidly obese mother.

Along the way, he was also Hunter S. Thompson in Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas, the world's most successful drug dealer in Blow, and the depraved poet at the dark heart of The Libertine.

Few actors could have pulled off Ed Wood and no one does debauched like Johnny, but the carefully cultivated hip outsider image was never truly accurate.

Shrouded in a cloud of Gauloise smoke, he was one of Hollywood's too-cool-for-school kids, emitting an outsider's aura, while astutely playing the Hollywood game.

But any remaining traces of Depp's bohemian status were wiped away with Captain Jack Sparrow's colourful scarves in the tetralogy of Pirates of the Caribbean movies. They made him a superstar, and wealthy enough to buy Bahamian islands, but also ushered in the damaging wig and makeup era of his career.

The pale makeup of Dark Shadows, Alice in Wonderland's crazy oversized hat, and the raven headdress of The Lone Ranger overshadowed Depp's performances, obscuring his character work with props and flash.

This weekend, he hides behind a moustache in the comedy Mortdecai.

As the title character, he's pompous, bumbling — imagine Inspector Clouseau with an English accent and an attitude — and on a worldwide hunt for a painting said to contain the code to a lost bank account.

Will people be attracted to Mortdecai? Hard to know. Depp's showy performances have, by-and-large, garnered big box office but profitability, while important to the suits who green light projects like this, is exactly what's killing Depp's credibility as a serious actor.

He's not in Nicolas Cage territory yet — there's an actor whose Western Kabuki style of acting redefines idiosyncratic — but with Pirates of the Caribbean 5 coming soon, perhaps it's time to put Depp's rebel actor image or reliance on props to bed.

In Focus

RICHARD CROUSE

Richard's ratings

Here Metro curates some quick Crouse takes on films currently unspooling at theatres across the country.

Still Alice

Strange Magic

Cake

The Humbling

The Boy Next Door

There were no press screenings for Mortdecai, so there is no rating from Richard. See inside for early reviews from Rotten Tomatoes.

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Breakout role. No need to fear the real me, Ryan Guzman assures his fans

Fans of Pretty Little Liars and the Step Up films are already familiar with Ryan Guzman, but with this weekend's The Boy Next Door, a lot more people are going to get a look at Guzman — a lot of him, in fact. Here's an introduction:

He's not tired of cookies: "Everybody wants to know about the cookies," he says, citing the trailer. "As I came into New York, a couple of fans were waiting with cookies in hand. So I plan on getting as many cookies as I possibly can while the oven is still running, I guess."

He's heard how audiences react to the film: "So far, I've heard someone yell, 'Replay!' after the intimate sex scene."

He's sorry for freaking anyone out in real life: "People get extremely scared by Noah Sandborn, so much so that when they see me in real life, they look at me a little differently. Until they actually start talking to me and realize that I'm just harmless little Ryan Guzman, there's a lot of people that are a little standoff-ish at first."

He knows where to look for inspiration: "I definitely have plenty of actors that I look up to, like Marlon Brando or Tom Hardy, Christian Bale. And Mark Wahlberg, his business savvy and how he came up. I actually used Mark Wahlberg's Fear performance as something to base Noah Sandborn on in the beginning."

He knows his limitations: "The one thing I struggle with, if I'm being honest, is being the romantic hero — the protagonist that's lovey-dovey and says all the right things. I have the hardest time with those. I don't look at myself as a guy who can get any woman he wants or says all the right things. I look at myself as an idiot. I look at myself as a goofball."

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Ryan Guzman plays a frightening stalker in The Boy Next Door.

Pushing limits empowers J-Lo

Movie feature.
Steamy new thriller challenges J-Lo's skills as an actress and as an independent producer

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Jennifer Lopez stars in and produced The Boy Next Door. CONTRIBUTED

Jennifer Lopez would be having a lot more fun making a rom-com, but then work can't always be fun, can it?

Her latest film, the steamy thriller The Boy Next Door, is pretty far from lighter fare like The Wedding Planner or The Back-Up Plan.

Lopez stars as an English teacher who succumbs to the advances of her neighbour's comely young nephew (Ryan Guzman). As you can imagine, it doesn't go well from there.

Now, back to that fun factor part of the job. "I prefer romantic comedies. They're just fun. That's a fun set," Lopez admits. "You're just seeing how silly you can make things. They're romantic, and I'm a hopeless romantic, as well. So I really enjoy doing that kind of stuff."

But she insists she also likes to push herself. "Being more dramatic or being more tough or being more vulnerable, it's all the same. It's all about trying to find the reality in the moment, making it real. All of a sudden, I have this high-pitched scream that I've never heard myself do, and that's when I know I'm tapping into something real."

Another challenge with her Boy Next Door role was the extremely intimate sex scene that sets the craziness of the plot in motion — and required some bold, revealing work on Lopez's part.

"Scenes like that are always uncomfortable," she says. "It's a very vulnerable position to be in. It's not something you ever get used to as an actress, I don't think.

"But this was a very important scene in the film. If that scene didn't work, the rest of the film doesn't work, because that's the moment they share together. If it wasn't intense, passionate, real enough, then the rest of the movie doesn't make any sense."

Acting challenges aside, the movie also taught Lopez some lessons as a producer, particularly in the new rules of financing and independent filmmaking.

"We got it made on a micro-budget of $4 million in 25 days," she reveals. "It was super-intense. I had never done a film like that in my career. But it was very liberating as an artist because it made me realize I can make whatever movie I want like this. It's the material that really matters. 'Do I feel like doing this at this time?' and not waiting for a big studio to green-light something or hire you as an actress. It really is very empowering."

So is that why she was absent from the big screen in 2014? Not quite.

"For me, it's just about what feels right at the time, and I was very in music land last year," she explains.

The cute boy next door

So how much does art imitate life for Lopez?

"Actually, my first boyfriend was the boy next door, when I was like 13 or 14 years old. It was the summer I turned 14. He was cute. Cute enough, I guess, at the time."

But he didn't become a deranged stalker?

"I've had people kind of obsessed with me, but not like obsessed in a dangerous, scary way. No, thank God. I've never had to deal with anything like that."

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Mystery

The Boy Next Door

Director. Neill Fearnley, Rob Cohen

Stars. Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman

Jennifer Lopez leads the cast in The Boy Next Door, a psychological thriller that explores a forbidden attraction that goes much too far. Directed by Rob Cohen (The Fast and the Furious) and written by Barbara Curry, the film also stars Ryan Guzman, John Corbett and Kristin Chenoweth.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 29% **Audience:** + 90%

Animation

Strange Magic

Director. Gary Rydstrom

Strange Magic is a madcap fairy tale musical inspired by A Midsummer Night's Dream. Popular songs from the past six decades help tell the tale of a colorful cast of goblins, elves, fairies and imps, and their hilarious misadventures sparked by the battle over a powerful potion.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 13% **Audience:** + 85%

Action

Mortdecai

Director. David Koepp

Stars. Johnny Depp, Gwyneth Paltrow

Juggling some angry Russians, the British Mi5, his impossibly leggy wife and an international terrorist, debonair art dealer and part time rogue Charlie Mortdecai (Johnny Depp) must traverse the globe armed only with his good looks and special charm in a race to recover a stolen painting rumored to contain the code to a lost bank account filled with Nazi gold.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 9% **Audience:** + 92%

Drama

Two Days, One Night

Director. Anne Fontaine

Stars. Jean-Pierre Dardenne

Sandra (Cotillard) has just been released from the hospital to find that she no longer has a job. According to management, the only way Sandra can hope to regain her position at the factory is to convince her co-workers to sacrifice their much-needed yearly bonuses. Now, over the course of one weekend, Sandra must confront each co-worker individually in order to win a majority of their votes.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 95% **Audience:** 80%

Drama/Action

A Most Violent Year

Director. J.C. Chandor

Stars. Oscar Isaac, Jessica Chastain

Set during the winter of 1981 — statistically one of the most crime-ridden of New York City's history — A Most Violent Year is a drama following the lives of an immigrant and his family as they attempt to capitalize on the American Dream, while the rampant violence, decay, and corruption of the day drag them in and threaten to destroy all they have built.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 90% **Audience:** 76%

Drama

Still Alice

Director. Richard Glatzer

Stars. Julianne Moore, Kristen Stewart

Alice Howland, happily married with three grown children, is a renowned linguistics professor who starts to forget words. When she receives a diagnosis of Early-Onset Alzheimer's Disease, Alice and her family find their bonds thoroughly tested. Her struggle to stay connected to who she once was is frightening, heartbreaking, and inspiring.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 85% **Audience:** + 96%

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Much of Dine Out Vancouver Festival's magic lies in discovering the array of culinary experiences that our city has to offer. And though we all have our favourites – the venues, menu items and even restaurant tables that we gravitate toward time and again – the festival dares us to push our own personal boundaries by tasting foreign ingredients, visiting new neighbourhoods, and putting our trust in the city's seasoned chefs and culinary experts.

This year, we encourage you to swap familiarity for fresh adventure. Make a booking at a restaurant you had never heard of until now, or try a cuisine that's always captured your interest. Feeling nostalgic for the past? Dine at Ten Ten Tapas, where the three-course menu includes do-it-yourself "Brownie S'mores by Candlelight" – just like ye olde campfires of childhood. Have a sweet tooth? Head down to Bella Gelateria's Coal Harbour location and order a triple dessert course featuring gelato cake, tiramisu and a decadent coconut chocolate cookie.

If you're feeling tinges of wanderlust, Chewies Steam & Oyster Bar features Cajun-style jambalaya and gumbo that'll leave you hankering for the bayou. Trek to the Himalayas at Café Kathmandu, where you can taste chatamari, sea momo, daikon goat and other exotic delights. Or go Peruvian for the evening: Chicha's impressive menu is packed with Latin American specialties like Pan Con Chicharron Sliders (crispy pork belly, glazed yam and Peruvian Chili mayo) and Lomo Saltado (Bavette steak and Kennebec fries).

And since Vancouverites are all about local, sustainable and health-focused fare, we would be remiss not to tout the many restaurants that effortlessly blend good-for-you foods with "God-that's-great" reactions. Graze's plant-based menu is jam-packed with hearty kale Caesars, chestnut and dandelion risotto and a wild mushroom "purse". Exile Bistro's dishes are ethical and wild at heart – who wouldn't be intrigued by lentil pate and (gluten-free!) bison short ribs? And The Parker's inventive dishes read like a Haiku:

Roast cauliflower, dehydrated
cauliflower hearts
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Shaved black truffle upgrade available.

Of course, so much choice can be overwhelming. So why not play Dine Out Russian roulette and book the first place you click?

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10 Sundance hopefuls

Film festival. If you're wondering why Robert Redford's indie showcase still matters, check out these contenders

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Slow West was Sundance's first sale, selling even before the film festival started. CONTRIBUTED

If this year's Oscar nominations are any indication, talk of the Sundance Film Festival's waning relevance is shockingly premature. Two films that stood out in Park City last year — Boyhood and Whiplash — are two of the stronger Academy Award front-runners this year. So with a whole new crop of hopeful Sundance darlings ready to premiere, here's a look at some of the titles we're most excited about.

1. Stanford Prison Experiment
It's honestly surprising it's taken this long for this story — about one of the most infamous psychological studies in history — to make it to the screen. Kyle Patrick Alvarez (C.O.G.) directs an impressive cast including Ezra Miller, Billy Crudup, Tye Sheridan, James Wolk and Michael Angarano.

2. I Am Michael
If you see only one James Franco movie at Sundance this year — and, as usual, there are multiple — see this one. Franco stars in director Justin Kelly's real-life drama as Michael Glatze, a gay activist who becomes an ex-gay Christian pastor.

3. Slow West
The Sundance's first sale of the year has already happened, even before the festival started. Kodi Smit-McPhee (The Road) stars alongside Michael Fassbender and Ben Mendelsohn in this 19th century frontier drama about a young man searching for the woman he loves with some interesting company along for the ride.

4. Z for Zachariah
Compliance director Craig Zobel follows up that lightning rod of a film with the story of a love triangle — that just so happens to involve the three last people on earth in a post-apocalyptic future. Oh, and those three people happen to be Chiwetel Ejiofor, Chris Pine and Margot Robbie. Humanity could do worse.

5. People, Places, Things
There are plenty of examples this year of comic performers turning to Sundance films for a chance to stretch — including two by festival regular Kristen Wiig, plus Sarah Silverman in I Smile Back — but the most intriguing is Flight of the Conchords star Jemaine Clement taking on the role of a widower with two young daughters.

6. Last Days in the Desert
Since the list of things Ewan McGregor hasn't done yet in his eclectic acting career apparently included playing Jesus Christ and the Devil, he decided to knock them both out with one movie, chronicling Christ's 40-day exile and temptation. Yes, it's ground that's been covered on film before, but it's intriguing nonetheless.

James Franco, left, is an ex-gay Christian pastor in I Am Michael. CONTRIBUTED

7. Mistress America
Noah Baumbach and his girlfriend/star/co-writer/muse, Greta Gerwig look to recapture some of that Frances Ha magic with another story of young women in New York. Sounds like a plan.

8. End of the Tour
Director James Ponsoldt follows up The Spectacular Now with this retelling of the five-day-long interview between David Foster Wallace (Jason Segel) and Rolling Stone reporter David Lipsky (Jesse Eisenberg). This could be catnip for the NPR crowd.

9. A Walk in the Woods
It kind of seems like cheating for festival founder Robert Redford to appear in a film at Sundance, but it's probably best to not ignore him. Redford and Nick Nolte co-star as aging pals hiking the Appalachian Trail in this film, which kicks off the festival as the opening night gala.

Greta Gerwig, left, co-wrote and stars in Mistress America. CONTRIBUTED

10. Going Clear
There are also a ton of interesting documentaries, but if you only have time for one, make it Alex Gibney's already controversial Scientology take-down, featuring eight not-so-happy former Church members.

Still Alice captures bond between stars

Chemistry. Kristen Stewart and Julianne Moore have been close for years, so playing mother and daughter was not a stretch

Kristen Stewart didn't need to stretch herself into actorly knots to feel a familial bond with Julianne Moore in Still Alice.

She had known Moore, who became a five-time Oscar nominee with her recent nod for Alice, since her first starring role in 2004's Catch That Kid, which was directed by Moore's husband Bart Freundlich. That shoot was "very much a family affair," Stewart says, and she grew close enough to Moore that acting as her daughter in Still Alice felt almost too easy.

"It's hard to take credit for anything ... because I like her, and because we get along and we understand each other — and that was captured," Stewart

"As an actor ... you can't work with everyone, to be honest with you. The reason things affect an audience ... is because an emotion and energy like that is contagious, so if you're faking it, people know it.

"For a project that's so ambitious and so intimidating," she added, "I needed to know I would help and support her rather than take away from what she's doing."

In the disquieting drama, Moore portrays a renowned linguistics professor whose charmed life is brought to abrupt ruin with the diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer's disease. Rapidly, the astute academic begins vanishing into the mysterious condition while her husband (Alec Baldwin) and three grown children stand by in helpless terror.

As aspiring actress Lydia, the 24-year-old Stewart portrays a character who is both at odds with her mother (over the daughter's refusal to go to college) and yet her closest confidante. She's the only family member brave enough to face her mother's deteriorating state head-on.

Stewart, so closely associated with the blockbuster Twilight film franchise, has won critical regard for her Still Alice performance.

The New York Times praised her "excellent work" in the film, the L.A. Times concluded that the film "wouldn't be nearly as emotionally effective as it is" without Stewart's presence, and Grantland heralded her "thrillingly natural" performance as one of the 12 most under-appreciated of the past year.

Sitting in the audience for the film, however, Stewart was mesmerized only by her co-star. "I was present for a lot of her performance, but I somehow watched the movie and I got my head blown off," Stewart said.

"I knew she was going to accomplish something great ... that changed the face of the disease and revealed the fate of its people, but she let you into something that you normally wouldn't witness unless you had to personally experience it.

"Without the pain that goes along with knowing someone who has Alzheimer's ... it's like I've gotten a taste of what that's like. "It's because of her. She's so ... smart," Stewart added, peppering in the F-word for emphasis. "She's such a genius."

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Kristen Stewart, left, and Julianne Moore in Still Alice. CONTRIBUTED

Script development

Write me up, Scotty: Simon Pegg will help pen Star Trek 3

Along with Dark Blue creator Doug Jung, British writer and actor Simon Pegg will co-author the script of the third movie in the Star Trek reboot, Deadline has revealed.

Though not exactly anticipated, Simon Pegg's arrival on the Star Trek 3 production team is not entirely surprising. A known fan of all things sci-fi, the writer and director of the 2005 zombie comedy Shaun of the Dead is a friend of J.J. Abrams, who directed the first two movies in the franchise, released in 2009 and 2013. Pegg also appeared in both as Scotty, a role he is set to reprise in the third movie. AFP

Simon Pegg GETTY IMAGES

Comedy

Nicolas Cage GETTY IMAGES

Nicolas Cage to go after Bin Laden in Army of One

Actor Nicolas Cage has joined the latest comedy from Borat director Larry Charles, The Hollywood Reporter indicates. Army of One is inspired by an article published in GQ on one American's attempts to go on a manhunt for the Al-Qaeda leader in Pakistan and Afghanistan. After a series of critical and commercial missteps, Nicolas Cage has decided to make his next film a satirical comedy, likely of the black humour variety. AFP

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Journey to the South Pacific: The IMAX Experience (STC) Fri-Thu 3

Dunbar Theatre 4555 Dunbar Street

American Sniper (14A) Fri 3:45-7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-7-9:45

Fifth Avenue Cinemas 2110 Burrard Street

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:40-7:30-10:15 Mon 1:15-4-7-9:45 Tue 1:45-4:40-7:30-10:15 Wed-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:45
Mr. Turner (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:30-7:45 Mon 1-4:30-7:45 Tue 1:10-4:30-7:45 Wed 3-9:30 Thu 1-4:30-7:45
Still Alice (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:15-9:50 Mon 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40 Tue 1:30-4:20-7:15-9:50 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:40
The Theory of Everything (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:30
Wild (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7-9:40 Mon 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:35 Tue 1:20-4:10-7-9:40 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:35

The Cinematheque 1131 Howe Street

Felix and Meira (STC) Fri-Sat 8:40 Sun 6:30 Wed 8:40 Thu 6:30
Half of a Yellow Sun (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 4-6:30 Sun 8:30 Wed 6:30 Thu 8:30
The Image Before Us (STC) Mon 7

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 3:45-6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:30-9:15 Mon 3:45-6:30 Tue 3:45-6:30-9:15 Wed-Thu 3:45-6:30
Monster House (PG) Sat 11

Rio on Broadway, 1660 E. Broadway

The Dark Crystal (G) Sat 10:30
Felix (STC) Sun 1:45
Foxcatcher (PG) Mon 9:30
Ghost in the Shell (STC) Sun 7
Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence (STC) Sun 9
Labyrinth (G) Sat 8:30
No Films Showing Today (STC) Wed-Thu
Open Mic Movie Nights 3 (STC) Tue 9:30
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG) Fri 10
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze (STC) Fri 11:59
Whiplash (14A) Fri 7 Sat 6 Mon-Tue 7

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American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7-10:10 Mon 1-3:55-6:50-9:55 Tue 12:50-3:50-7-10:10 Wed-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:55 Fri-Sun 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Tue 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:45 Wed-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Bolshoi Ballet: Swan Lake (STC) Sun 12:55
The Boy Next Door (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:15 No Passes Sun 12:25-2:35-4:40-7:50-10:15 No Passes Mon 1:20-3:30-5:45-8-10:20 No Passes Tue 1-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:20-3:30-5:45-8-10:20
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri 1:20-3:40-6:50-10:05 Sat 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:05 Sun 3:40-6:50-10:05 Mon 2:10-3:40-6:45-9:50 Tue 1:20-3:40-6:50-10:05 Wed 2:10-3:40-9:50 Thu 2:10-3:40-6:45-9:50
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12:55-4:05-7:20-10:30 Sun 12:30-4:05-7:20-10:30 Mon 1-4:05-7:10-10:15 Tue 12:55-4:05-7:20-10:30 Wed-Thu 1-4:05-7:10-10:15
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 1-4:25-7:30-10:20 Sat 1:20-4:25-7:30-10:20 Sun 1:20-4:50-7:30-10:20 Mon 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:10 Tue 1-4:25-7:30-10:20 Wed 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:10 Thu 1:10-4:20
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 12:45-3:35-6:40-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:40-9:30 Mon 1:40-3:45-6:40-9:30 Tue 12:45-3:35-6:40-9:30 Wed-Thu 1:40-3:45-6:40-9:30 Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Mon 1:10-4:10-7:05-10 Tue 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Wed-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:05-10
Project Almanac (PG) No Passes Thu 7-9:40
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Turkish Film Festival (STC) Fri 8:45 Sat 9:30-12:15-2-4:45-7:15-9:30 Sun 2:45-4:45-7-9:15
Winter Sleep (PG) Fri 12 Mon 6:30

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The Great Salmon Run 4D Experience (STC) Fri 11:45-1:15-3:15-4:20 Sat-Sun 10:45-11:15-11:45-12:15-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:15-4:45 Mon-Thu 11:45-1:15-3:15-4:20

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The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Sat-Sun 3:15
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 12-7:30 Tue-Wed 7:30
Into the Woods (PG) Fri 6:35-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:25-6:35-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:25
Paddington (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20
Project Almanac (PG) Thu 7-9:40
The Royal Ballet - Manon (STC) Mon 6:30
Royal Ballet: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (G) Sat 10
Strange Magic (G) Fri 6:55-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:55-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:35
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri 6:45-9:50 Sat 3:50-6:45-9:50 Sun 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:45-9:50

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Blackhat (14A) Fri 9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:50-9:40 Mon 7-9:50 Tue 4-7-9:50 Wed-Thu 7-9:50 Fri 6:50
The Boy Next Door (14A) No Passes Fri 7:30-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-9:50 No Passes Mon 7:40-10 No Passes Tue 4:40-7:40-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:40-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 7-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:55 Mon 7:10-9:50 Tue 4:15-7:10-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:50
Mortdecai (PG) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:20-10 Mon 7:30-10 Tue 4:10-7:30-10 Wed-Thu 7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri 7:15-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:40 Mon 7-9:20 Tue 4:20-7-9:20 Wed 9:20 Thu 7-9:20
Wild (14A) Fri 7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:15-9:50 Mon 7:20-9:55 Tue 4:30-7:20-9:55 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:55

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20 Once Again (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:30 Mon 1:05-4-6:55-9:50 Tue 12:25-3:20-6:30-9:30 Wed-Thu 1:05-4-6:55-9:50
American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 Mon 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:30 Tue 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 Wed-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:30
American Sniper: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:45 Mon 1-4-7-10 Tue 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:45 Wed 1-4-7-10 Thu 1-4-7
Annie (G) Fri-Sun 12:50 Mon 1:05 Tue 12:50 Wed-Thu 1:05
Big Hero 6 (G) Fri-Sun 3:35 Mon 3:45 Tue 3:35 Wed-Thu 3:45
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Thu 6:30
Blackhat (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Mon 1-4:10-7:20-10:15 Tue 1-4:10-7:20-10:30 Wed-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:15
Bolshoi Ballet: Swan Lake (STC) Sun 12:55
The Boy Next Door (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20
Exhibition OnScreen: Girl With a Pearl Earring (STC) Wed 7:30
Game of Thrones: The IMAX Experience (Season 4, Episodes 9 and 10) (STC) Thu 10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-6:50-10 Mon 6:50-10 Tue 12:20-6:50-10 Wed-Thu 6:50-10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 6:35-9:30
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri-Wed 1:30-4:30-7:25-10:25 Thu 4:40-7:25-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
Into the Woods (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:05-7-10:05 Sun 7:20-10:05 Mon-Tue 1:15-4:05-7-10:05 Wed 1:15-4:05-10:05 Thu 1:15-4:05-7-10:05
Kingsman: The Secret Service (14A) No Passes Wed 7
Monster House (PG) Sat 11
Mortdecai (PG) Fri 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Sat 11:40-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Sun 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Mon 2:15-5-7:45-10:20 Tue 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Wed-Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:20
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Paddington (G) Fri 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Sat 11:30-12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Sun 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Mon 1-2-4:25-6:50-9:15 Tue 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Wed 1-2-4:25-6:50-9:15 Thu 1-4:25-6:50-9:15 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
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Strange Magic (G) No Passes Fri 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Sat 11:10-12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Mon 2-4:30-7-9:30 No Passes Tue 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:30
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The Taking of Tiger Mountain (14A) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:55 Mon 3:30-6:45-9:55 Tue 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:55 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:55
Unbroken (PG) Fri-Thu 9:15
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon 1:45-4:15-7-9:40 Tue 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:15-7-9:40
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The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Sat 4:05 Mon-Thu 3:45
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1-7:15-10:25 Sun 1-9:55 Mon-Wed 1:50-6:55-10:05 Thu 1:50-10:05
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 2-4:45-7:40-10:20 Sat 11:20-2-4:45-7:40-10:20 Sun 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10
Into the Woods (PG) Fri-Sat 4:10-7-9:55 Sun 3:40-6:30-9:25 Mon-Wed 4-6:50-9:45 Thu 4
Monster House (PG) Sat 11
Mortdecai (PG) Fri 12-2:35-5:10-7:55-10:40 Sat 11:40-2:20-5:10-7:55-10:40 Sun 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:25-10:10 Mon-Wed 2:15-4:50-7:25-10 Thu 1:30-4:05-7:25-10
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sat 1:35 Sun 1:05 Mon-Thu 1:40
Paddington (G) Fri 12-2:25-4:55-7:20-9:40 Sat 11-12-2:25-4:55-7:20-9:40 Sun 11:30-1:55-4:25-6:50-9:10 Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7-9:25
Project Almanac (PG) No Passes Thu 7-9:35
Strange Magic (G) No Passes Fri 12:05-2:30-5-7:25-9:50 No Passes Sat 11:10-2:30-5-7:25-9:50 No Passes Sun 11:35-2-4:30-6:55-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
Taken 3 (14A) Fri 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sat 12:20-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sun 11:45-2:20-5-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:10-9:50
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri 12:10-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sat 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Sun 11:40-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:15-9:40
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American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 12-1-3:05-4:05-6:15-7:15-9:25-10:25 Mon 4:15-5:45-7:15-9-10:30 Tue

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12-1-3:05-4:05-6:15-7:15-9:25-10:25 Wed 4:15-5:45-7:15-9-10:30 Thu 4:15-5:45-7:25-9-10:30 Fri-Sun 1:20-4:25-7:35-10:40 Mon 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:25 Tue 1:20-4:25-7:35-10:40 Wed-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:25
Big Hero 6 (G) Fri-Thu 1:25
Blackhat (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:35 Sun 4:15-7:20-10:35 Mon 1:10-4:20-7:25-10:35 Tue 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:35 Wed 1:10-4:20-7:25-10:35 Thu 12:45-3:50
Bolshoi Ballet: Swan Lake (STC) Sun 12:55
The Boy Next Door (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 No Passes Wed 3:20-5:40-8-10:20 No Passes Thu 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Cake (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:25 Mon 2:20-4:55-7:35-10:10 Tue 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:25 Wed-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:35-10:10
The Con Artists (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:50-9:35
Exhibition OnScreen: Girl With a Pearl Earring (STC) Wed 7:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Sun 3:50 Mon 4 Tue 3:50 Wed-Thu 4
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-7:25-10:45 Mon 12:45-7:15-10:30 Tue 12:30-7:25-10:45 Wed-Thu 12:45-7:15-10:30 Fri-Sun 1:55-5:20-8:45 Mon 5:15-8:30 Tue 1:55-5:20-8:45 Wed-Thu 5:15-8:30
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 1:15-4:05-7-9:50 Sat 1:25-4:10-7-9:50 Sun-Thu 1:15-4:05-7-9:50 Fri-Sun 12:30-3:35-6:45-9:55 Mon 3:45-6:45-9:45 Tue 12:30-3:35-6:45-9:55 Wed-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45
Into the Woods (PG) Fri-Sat 4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
Monster House (PG) Sat 11
Mortdecai (PG) Fri 2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Sat 11:30-2:15-5-7:45-10:30 Sun-Thu 2:15-5-7:45-10:30
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sat 12:15-2:45 Sun 1:30 Mon 1:50 Tue 12:15-2:45 Wed-Thu 1:50
Ode to My Father (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Mon 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:45 Tue 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Wed-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:45
Paddington (G) Fri 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Sat 11-12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Sun 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Mon 1:45-4:25-6:55-9:20 Tue 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:25-6:55-9:20
Project Almanac (PG) No Passes Thu 7-9:40
Selma (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-4-7:05-10:05
Strange Magic (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Mon 2-4:35-7:30-10 No Passes Tue 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 No Passes Wed 4:35-7:30-10 No Passes Thu 2-4:35-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Taken 3 (14A) Fri-Sat 5:15-8:05-10:50 Sun 4:25-9 Mon 4:30-7:10-9:55 Tue 5:15-8:05-10:50 Wed 4:30-9:55 Thu 4:30-7:10-9:55 Fri-Sun 1:30-4:45-7:50-10:45 Mon 4:45-7:45-10:30 Tue 1:30-4:45-7:50-10:45 Wed 4:45-7:45-10:30 Thu 4:15-10:30
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15 Mon 2:10-4:45-7:40-10:15 Tue 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15 Wed-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:40-10:15
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Annie (G) Fri-Sun 2:30
Big Hero 6 (G) Fri-Thu 4:55
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:25-6:35-6:35 Mon-Thu 6:35
Exodus: Gods and Kings (STC) Fri-Sun 12:15-5:10 Mon-Thu 5:10
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 8:50
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 7:05-9:35
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Thu 4:40
Unbroken (PG) Fri-Thu 8:05

Strawberry Hill Grande 12161-72nd Ave, Surrey

American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:25-10:25
Baby (STC) Fri-Sun 1:30-5:30-9 Mon-Thu 1:40-5:30-9:15
Blackhat (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 1:30-7:15
The Boy Next Door (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-3:20-5:35-8-10:20 No Passes Mon-Tue 2:20-5:35-7:50-10:05 No Passes Wed 3:20-5:35-7:50-10:05 No Passes Thu 2:20-5:35-7:50-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Dolly Ki Doli (STC) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 1:15-3:40-6:40-9:35
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Sun 4:10 Mon-Thu 3:55
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-7:20-10:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-7:05-10:15
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:15-7:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:15-7-10:10
Into the Woods (PG) Fri-Thu 4:25-10:15
Monster House (PG) Sat 11
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15 Mon-Thu 1:30
Paddington (G) Fri 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:10-9:40 Sat 11:05-12:05-2:25-4:50-7:10-9:40 Sun 12:05-2:25-4:50-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:10-9:40
PK (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:55-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:35-6:20-9:45
Strange Magic (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:25-10 No Passes Mon-Tue 2:30-5-7:25-9:50 No Passes Wed 5-7:25-9:50 No Passes Thu 2:30-5-7:25-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Taken 3 (14A) Fri-Sat 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:35 Sun 10:35 Mon-Thu 5:05-7:45-10:20
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri-Sun 12:10-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:35-5:10-7:35-10
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American Sniper (14A) Fri 1:10-3:55-7-10:10 Sat 10:20-1:10-3:55-7-10:10 Sun-Mon 1:10-3:55-7-10:10 Tue 1:10-10:10 Wed-Thu 1:10-3:55-7-10:10 Tue 3:55-7
Baby (STC) Fri 1-3-4:15-6:30-7:45-10 Sat 1-4:15-6:30-7:45 Sun-Mon 1-3-4:15-6:30-7:45-10 Tue 6:30 Wed-Thu 1-3-4:15-6:30-7:45-10 Sat 10:05-3-10 Tue 1-3-4:15-7:45-10
Blackhat (14A) Fri-Thu 4-9:35
The Boy Next Door (14A) Fri 1:40-4:25-6:50-9:20 Sat 10:35-1:40-4:25-6:50-9:20 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:25-6:50-9:20
Dolly Ki Doli (STC) Fri 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:50 Sat 10:30-1:50-4:35-7:15-9:50 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:15-9:50
Feng Shui (14A) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:45-9:30 Sat 10:40-1:35-4:10-6:45-9:30 Sun-Wed 1:35-4:10-6:45-9:30 Thu 1:35-4:10
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri 1:15-6:35 Sat 10:10-1:15-6:35 Sun-Thu 1:15-6:35
Mortdecai (PG) Fri 1:25-4:20-7:20-10:05 Sat 10:15-1:25-4:20-7:20-10:05 Sun 1:25-4:20-7:20 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:20-10:05 Sun 10:05
Paddington (G) Fri 1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15 Sat 10:55-1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15 Sun 1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15 Mon 1:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15 Mon 4:05-6:40-9:15
Project Almanac (PG) Thu 7:15-10
The Royal Ballet - Manon (STC) Mon 6:30
Royal Ballet: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (G) Sat 10
Strange Magic (G) Fri 1:20-3:50-7:05-9:40 Sat 10:45-1:20-3:50-7:05-9:40 Sun-Mon 1:20-3:50-7:05-9:40 Tue 1:20-3:50 Wed 1:20-3:50-7:05-9:40 Thu 7:05-9:40 Tue 7:05-9:40 Thu 1:20-3:50
Taken 3 (14A) Fri 1:55-4:40-7:35-10:15 Sat 10:25-1:55-4:40-7:35-10:15 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:35-10:15 Mon 1:55-10:15 Tue-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:35-10:15
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri-Sat 2-4:45-7:30-10:20 Sun 10:20 Mon-Thu 2-4:45-7:30-10:20 Sat 11 Sun 2-4:45-7:30

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Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:25 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10
Wild (14A) Fri-Sun 4-8:55 Mon-Thu 4

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American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:40-9:20
Paddington (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:05-5:10-7:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:15-9:25
Strange Magic (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:20-5:25-7:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 5:25-7:30-9:35
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:15

Colossus Langley 20090-91A Ave, Langley

American Sniper (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 Sun 1:10-4:20-7:25-10:30 Mon 4:20-7:20-10:20 Tue 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:40 Wed-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:20
American Sniper: The IMAX Experience (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:40-7-10:15 Sun 12:40-3:40-7-10:10 Mon 4-7-10 Tue 12:40-3:40-7-10:15 Wed-Thu 4-7-10
Annie (G) Fri-Sun 1:05-4-7:10-10 Mon 4:15-7:05-9:45 Tue 1:05-4-7:10-10 Wed-Thu 4:15-7:05-9:45
Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 1:55 Sat 2:05 Sun 1:55 Tue 1:55
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Sat 4:35 Mon 4:30 Tue 4:35 Wed 4:25 Thu 4:20
Blackhat (14A) Fri-Sun 12:55-4:10-7:25-10:25 Mon 4:10-7:15-10:15 Tue 12:55-4:10-7:25-10:25 Wed-Thu 4:10-7:15-10:15
Bolshoi Ballet: Swan Lake (STC) Sun 12:55
The Boy Next Door (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 No Passes Mon 5:25-7:45-10:05 No Passes Tue 1-3:20-5:40-8-10:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 5:25-7:45-10:05
Exhibition OnScreen: Girl With a Pearl Earring (STC) Wed 7:30
The Gambler (14A) Fri-Sat 7:50-10:35 Sun 10:30 Mon 7:40-10:20 Tue 7:50-10:35 Wed 10:20
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri-Sun 3:45 Mon 4 Tue 3:45 Wed-Thu 4
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-6:55-10:05 Mon 7:05-10:10 Tue 12:35-6:55-10:05 Wed-Thu 7:05-10:10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sat 1:35-4:30-7:35-10:35 Sun 4:30-7:35-9:50 Mon 4:05-6:50-9:40 Tue 1:35-4:30-7:35-10:35 Wed 4:05-7-9:40 Thu 4:05-6:50-9:40
The Imitation Game (PG) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:15-7:25-10:10 Mon 4:30-7:10-9:50 Tue 1:25-4:15-7:25-10:10 Wed-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:50
Into the Woods (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:15-10:15 Mon 4:25-7:25-10:15 Tue 1:30-4:25-7:15-10:15 Wed-Thu 4:25-7:25-10:15
Monster House (PG) Sat 11
Mortdecai (PG) Fri-Sat 2:15-5:05-7:45-10:30 Sun 2:15-5:05-7:45-10:25 Mon 4:45-7:30-10:10 Tue 2:15-5:05-7:45-10:30 Wed 7:30-10:10 Thu 4:45-7:30-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-2:45-5:15-7:55-10:25 Mon 4:55-7:35-9:55 Tue 12:20-2:45-5:15-7:55-10:25 Wed-Thu 4:55-7:35-9:55
Paddington (G) Fri 12:05-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat 12-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sun 12:05-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon 4:40-7:10-9:30 Tue 12:05-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:45 Wed 7:10-9:30 Thu 4:40-7:10-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 3
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Sun 1:35 Tue 1:35
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Sun 3:55 Mon 4:35 Tue 3:55 Wed-Thu 4:35
Project Almanac (PG) No Passes Thu 7-9:45
Selma (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:20 Mon 4:20-7:15-10:20 Tue 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:20 Wed-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:20
Strange Magic (G) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:35-10:05 No Passes Mon 5-7:35-10 No Passes Tue 12-2:30-5-7:35-10:05 No Passes Wed-Thu 5-7:35-10
Taken 3 (14A) Fri-Sat 12:05-2:50-5:25-8:05-10:40 Sun 12:05-2:50-5:25-7:55-10:30 Mon 4:50-7:30-10:10 Tue 12:05-2:50-5:25-8:05-10:40 Wed-Thu 4:50-7:30-10:10
The Theory of Everything (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55 Mon 4:05-7-9:50 Tue 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55 Wed-Thu 4:05-7-9:50
Unbroken (PG) Fri-Sun 6:50-9:55 Mon 6:55-9:55 Tue 6:50-9:55 Wed-Thu 6:55-9:55
The Wedding Ringer (14A) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon 5:10-7:40-10:05 Tue 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Wed-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:05
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Dessert. Cinnamon and Pecan Coffee Cake is a great companion for your next cup of joe

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This recipe serves 12. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Ingredients

Topping
- 1 1/2 cups (150 g) pecans, lightly toasted and finely chopped
- 1/2 cup (70 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar
- 1/2 cup (120 g) brown sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup (115 g) unsalted butter, softened

Cake
- 2 1/2 cups (350 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup (170 g) unsalted butter, softened
- 2 cups (480 g) brown sugar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla extract
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup (250 ml) plain yogurt or sour cream
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) milk
- 1 tsp cocoa powder
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon

Icing (optional)
- 1/2 cup (65 g) icing sugar
- 2 tsp (10 ml) milk

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C). Generously butter an angel food cake pan with a removable bottom.

Topping

1. In a bowl, combine all dry ingredients. Add butter and mix with fingertips until the mixture is just moistened. Set aside.

Cake

1. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

2. In a third bowl, cream the butter, brown sugar and vanilla with an electric mixer. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat until smooth. Add the dry ingredients alternately with the yogurt and stir until smooth.

3. Pour 1/2 cup (125 ml) of cake batter into a small bowl. Add the milk, cocoa powder and cinnamon and mix thoroughly. Set the cocoa batter aside.

4. Pour half of the vanilla cake batter into the prepared pan. Cover with cocoa batter. Sprinkle with half topping mix. Cover with the remaining batter and the remaining topping.

5. Bake for about 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean. Let cool completely. Run a knife between the cake and the pan, then unmould.

Icing

6. Combine the icing sugar and milk with a fork. Drizzle on top of the cake.

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Toasting Robert Burns

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Short of the first few lines of Auld Lang Syne I'd be hard pressed to quote you much else written by Robert Burns.

Not that my lack of knowledge of old school verse will stop me from celebrating the bard this Sunday with a glass of scotch and plate of haggis.

Ok, I may pass on the haggis this year but Robbie Burns Day is an opportunity to get over any fear you have of Scottish whisky.

Though its fans may have just choked on that last line, truth is scotch is a polarizing booze. Even when blended (its mellowest incarnation) it can pound on our palate with Hulk-like aggression.

The Robert Burns Single Malt Whisky ($44.95 - $69.99) from the Isle of Arran Distillery is an appropriate dram.

The only malt to be endorsed by The World Robert Burns Federation, it's a soft, floral whisky with light fruity undertones that sips like poetry in a glass. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

This recipe makes four dozen Cantuccini. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

A perfect coffee dipper

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 325 F (170 C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone mat.

2. In a bowl, combine the flour, ground almonds, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

3. In another bowl, cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer. Add the eggs, one at a time until smooth. With a spatula, add the dry ingredients and liqueur and stir until the dough is smooth. Add almonds.

4. On a generously floured work surface, divide the dough into 4 pieces. With your hands, shape into four 10-inch (25 cm) long logs. Place the logs on the baking sheet, spacing them evenly. Bake for about 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool for 10 minutes.

5. With a bread knife, cut each roll into 3/4-inch (2 cm) thick slices. Place the cookies, standing up, on the baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown and dry. Let cool completely. **RICARDO**

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (210 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (130 g) ground almonds
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 6 tbsp (84 g) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup (210 g) sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tbsp almond liqueur
- 1 cup (170 g) almonds, chopped

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NFL

We dunno: Pats' Belichick, Brady claim ignorance

The two men most responsible for delivering wins for the New England Patriots both said Thursday they have no explanation for how footballs used to reach the Super Bowl were underinflated by two pounds per square inch.

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said he has not been contacted by the NFL, even as league officials investigate whether the team cheated against the Indianapolis Colts.

"I don't know what happened," Brady said, answering questions from reporters hours after Patriots coach Bill Belichick said he almost never thinks about football pressure and doesn't know what happened either.

Unlike Belichick, who briefly answered questions after a long opening remark by repeatedly saying "I've told you everything I know" and "I don't have an explanation," Brady answered many questions and said he doesn't think about football conditions during games.

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Tom Brady and Bill Belichick share a word after Sunday's win over the Colts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GM keen on adding another goal scorer

Canucks. All eyes will be on Benning with March 4 trade deadline

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Forget the NHL draft this summer.

On Friday, we all witness the NHL All-Star Fantasy Draft, and really, what else could matter more? Riveting stuff, which puts it on par with this small breakdown of the Vancouver Canucks at the all-star break.

Deflate-gate has nothing on this.

Canucks general manager Jim Benning was on TSN 1040 radio Wednesday, discussing among a variety of things his club's need for added scoring.

It's getting down to the crunch here. The playoff race is on. The Canucks will resume their schedule out of the all-star break sitting third in the Pacific Division. After scoring at a pretty good clip through the first two months of the season, goals have since been hard to come by.

The trade deadline is March 2. Not that far away, really.

The Canucks have sifted down to 17th in league scoring at 2.71 goals per game. It's a vast improvement from where they finished the 2013-14 season, sitting 28th in the league in that category with 2.33 goals per game.

At 5-on-5, not only does Vancouver rank 20th in the league in Corsi-for percentage but only six teams — Edmonton, New Jersey, Carolina, Arizona, Columbus and Buffalo — have scored fewer goals at even strength. What do all six of those teams have in common? They're not in a playoff position, and, in fact, they're not even close.

Adding another finisher would be nice for the Canucks, but that won't come easy. Or cheap. And Benning made the point that he doesn't want to move draft picks or prospects.

And how will Kevin Bieksa's injury affect trading intentions?

The top pairing of Chris Tanev and Alex Edler has been solid, among some of the NHL's elite when it comes to Corsi-for percentage for defencemen who have played more than 750 minutes, according to stats.hockeyanalysis.com.

Dan Hamhuis is back and solidified the top two pairings.

Beyond that, can the Canucks confidently rely on Luca Sbisa, Ryan Stanton and Yannick Weber in their bottom pairing as the stretch drive intensifies?

Cancuks general manager Jim Benning wants to acquire one more scoring threat but not at the expense of a draft pick or prospect. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Goal production

2.71

The Canucks rank 17th in the NHL with 2.71 goals per game.

Lions announce coaching staff

Jeff Tedford stressed continuity. He stressed chemistry, and the importance of familiarity.

The B.C. Lions announced the newest members of their coaching staff on Thursday. There are new additions, with George Cortez, Doug Malone and Robin Ross joining the staff.

Cortez takes over the offensive co-ordinator duties; Malone as the offensive line coach; and Ross as the defensive line coach. Also joining the Leos' staff is Quinn Tedford and Willie Fields, who will work as quality control coaches on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball, respectively.

The Lions retained defensive co-ordinator Mark Washington, linebackers coach Johnny Holland, Khari Jones, who moves from offensive co-ordinator to receivers coach, and Chuck McMann, who is now the running backs coach in addition to special teams co-ordinator.

The new additions all have ties to Tedford from the past, whether it's down in the U.S. college game, or here in Canada. And that's where familiarity comes in.

He previously worked with Cortez during their days in Calgary, and again from 2002 to 2005 at the University of California-Berkley. He also coached alongside Ross at Fresno State and Oregon.

Quoted

"I'm really excited he chose to stay because I think he's an excellent coach, an excellent person."

Coach Jeff Tedford on defensive co-ordinator Mark Washington

"Familiarity went a long ways," said Tedford in a conference call. "That did play a big role in it."

It isn't much of a surprise that Tedford retained Washington as the team's defensive co-ordinator. For the most part, the Lions' defence excelled in a number of different categories, while the offence was a season-long source of inconsistency and frustration.

And that's where continuity comes in.

"I'm really excited he chose to stay because I think he's an excellent coach, an excellent person." CAM TUCKER/METRO

The Leos' new coach, Jeff Tedford, said familiarity played a big part in the hiring of his aides. GETTY IMAGES FILE

4 SPORTS

NHL

Crosby out of all-star game with lower-body injury

Sidney Crosby will miss the NHL all-star game because of a lower-body injury, the Penguins announced Thursday night.

Crosby was playing with the injury and will need about a week to heal, the team said in a statement released on the eve of all-star weekend.

It was not immediately clear who would replace Crosby, who appeared in just one all-star game, back in 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Fans make Lowry an all-star starter

The fans have spoken: Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry is an all-star.

Lowry made a late surge in fan balloting and will start for the Eastern Conference at the NBA all-star game. He passed Miami's Dwyane Wade and will start alongside Washington's John Wall, the first time the East has two first-time starters at guard since 2000.

Fans rewarded him for his hard-nosed play, leading the Raptors to a huge lead in the Atlantic Division.

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Bouchard on to fourth round

Australian Open. Quebec star's win over Caroline Garcia "not the prettiest tennis"

Canadian Eugenie Bouchard had to battle in the opening set, but she hit her winning stride in the second to defeat Caroline Garcia of France 7-5, 6-0 on Friday for a place in the fourth round of the Australian Open.

The seventh seed from Westmount, Que., will play the winner from the unseeded pair of Irina-Camelia Begu of Romania (42nd) and German Carina Witthoeft (104th).

Bouchard made her breakthrough in Melbourne a year ago, reaching her first Grand Slam semifinal and duplicating that showing four months later in Paris before playing the Wimbledon final.

Quoted

"I'll be ready for a battle, I'll try to play my game and have some fun also."

Eugenie Bouchard's attitude heading into the fourth round of the Australian Open.

The 20-year-old's win over the 36th-ranked Garcia made amends for a loss to the French player last year in Acapulco.

"It was not the prettiest tennis," Bouchard said. "I didn't have much rhythm and she was hitting big. But I'm happy I got through even while not playing my best."

Though she will not be facing a seed in the next round, Bouchard remains on guard against any potential upset threat in her weekend fourth-round test.

"It's the fourth round of a Grand Slam. Anyone you play will be super-tough," she said.

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Eugenie Bouchard plays a backhand to Caroline Garcia on Friday in Melbourne. GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
This will be a busy day and you will get many important tasks out of the way. But don't forget about love. Let that special someone know that they mean the world to you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You will get along with people in positions of authority well today and if you need a favour now is the time to ask. But don't let it go to your head.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Someone you think of highly has been waiting for you to declare your friendship, and maybe even your passion. If you do it today your relationship will go from good to great.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Make forgive and forget your motto today. According to the planets it simply is not worth your while continuing some kind of feud. Let it go.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There is a ruthlessness about you right now, especially in partnership matters where you have no intention of letting anyone take advantage of you. Try not to be too hard-hearted.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be careful what you spend your money on today because if you waste it on things you don't really need you will find yourself short of cash.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Give a friend or family member the benefit of the doubt today, even if you suspect they are telling you lies. According to your solar chart you won't lose out financially or emotionally.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You don't usually lack in the common sense department but today you will do something illogical. Others will be shocked but maybe that's the idea.

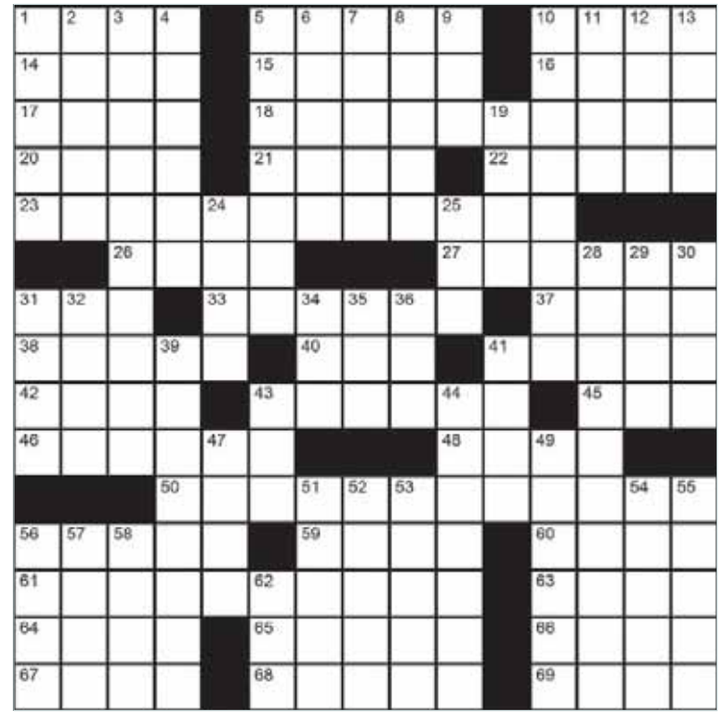
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
By helpful today but be wary too, especially of people who try to persuade you to lend them money. According to the planets they are up to no good.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The more someone tries to convince you that you can do something wrong because it will lead to something right the further the distance you need to put between you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You don't have to fight to get what you need. On the contrary, you will get everything you desire over the next two or three days simply by appealing to other people's generosity.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you have a secret, stay quiet. It may be about someone you don't care for but if it becomes public knowledge you will get blamed for the consequences.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. Belonging to BC's ocean
5. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
10. Rec room locale
14. Rhyming pattern
15. Stables sound
16. Man: Italian
17. Ms. Downey
18. Current album by Canadian band Mounties: '__ __ Legacy'
20. Lines giver
21. Islamic leader
22. Foot-to-leg connector
23. New animated movie; or, ELO song: 2 wds.
26. __ Ben Adhem (Leigh Hunt poem)
27. Gain
31. 2002 Winter Olympics locale [acronym]
33. Sacred river rising in the Himalayas
37. Perfect
38. Traveller Mr. Polo
40. Mr. Cruise
41. Now __ __ be told
42. At all
43. Big divides
45. And: German
46. Southeastern Saskatchewan town
48. Pres. Lincoln's
50. Gordon Lightfoot's "Song for a __ __"
56. "__ Less Ordinary" (1997)
59. Go __ __ great length
60. Mushroomed
61. Vancouver attraction, Deeley __ Exhibition
63. Perfect
64. Golfing great Mr. Aoki
65. More slight
66. Adjust the dial
67. Grown-up eft
68. That is, in Latin: 2 wds.
69. WWI fighter plane

Down

1. __ nationaux du Canada
2. Concerning
3. Reporter's entourage: 2 wds.
4. Ancient Egypt's divine beetle
5. Barbuda's island nation partner
6. Movie producer Robert
7. Veronica Lodge's father
8. Lizard type
9. Ordinal suffixes
10. Nova Scotia: __ Head Park, 'Home of the World's Highest Record Tides'
11. Vancouver-born broadcaster, __-Yin Lee
12. Nero's 2150
13. Particular puff
19. Snipped stuff
24. Cancelled
25. Li'l navigation aid
28. Marketing feedback source: 2 wds.
29. __ uproar: 2 wds.
30. Mind
31. Diving duck
32. Etna extraction
34. Utmost degree
35. Portuguese colony in India, once
36. First aid team [acronym]
39. Siksika chief in Alberta (b. circa 1830 - d.1890)
41. Paperback's ID
43. Coke container
44. Tony "__ _" Young (Canadian broadcaster who is an alum of MuchMusic)
47. Layer
49. Card game, Crazy __
51. Considered
52. Ink: French
53. Wheezing noises
54. Salon rinse
55. Shannon __ (Reality TV star born in St John's, Newfoundland)
56. Cole Porter's "I __ __ Love"
57. Misplace
58. "..._ __ a puddy tat!" - Tweety Bird
62. Gladiator's 901

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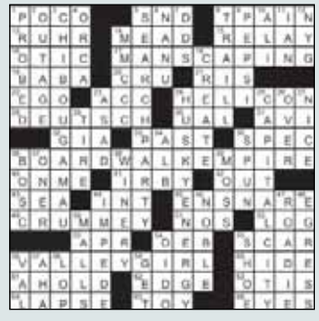

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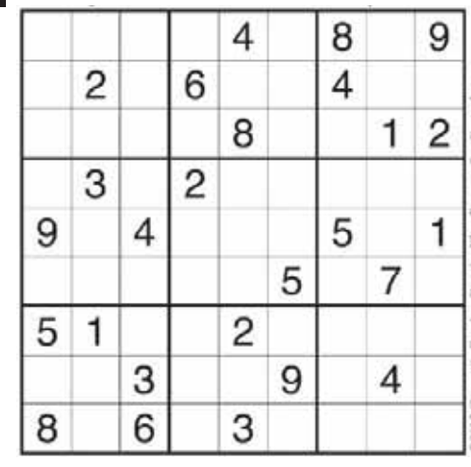

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3	7	5	6	2	9	8	1	4
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